

Memo

To: Tom Johnston
From: Nigel Boeg, Assistant Director – Material Services
Date: September 26th, 2008
Subject: Purchase Order for Download digital media

Action Requested: The library requests to purchase a digital library reserve which contains downloadable digital media from Overdrive.

OverDrive

OverDrive is a company that provides an infrastructure for downloading digital content. The service delivers best-selling digital audio books, eBooks, music, and video for download directly from the library website. All formats are available on a single digital media delivery platform, which simplifies collection development for our staff and enhances the user experience for our customers.

OverDrive is a sole source vendor and has acquired digital rights with many suppliers including BBC Audiobooks, PBS, Books on Tape, Brilliance to name a few. OverDrive is one of the largest digital media distributors in the world.

The service will be integrated with our automation system which will authenticate patrons and lending policies will be created and implemented within the service by the library. Presently, we have an eBook system which is not satisfying our growing demand and unlike our current eBook system, there are no requirements for initial account set-up within the Library location. It can be accessed by any customer that has a library account in good standing from any PC.

Funds for purchasing content for the Adult Collection will be taken from the Capital Account 36565000-79480-09100, which has funds totaling \$412,233.